

Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010-100 – Spring 2020

University of Colorado, Boulder

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Syllabus

This Syllabus covers all the important organizational details.

Logistics and Important Dates

We meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 to 10:50am in room GOLD A2B70. I will hold office hours on Monday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and Friday 8:30-9:00 am (or by appointment if this time is inconvenient). My office is Economics 106. Once a week you will also meet with one of the Teaching Assistants for the class during Recitation Sessions. During Recitation Sessions you will regularly review the past and upcoming class material and get extra help prior to exams. There will be two in-class midterm exams and one final exam. Please mark your calendar as follows:

- Midterm 1, Feb 14 class time
- Midterm 2, Mar 20, class time
- Final Exam May 2 at 4:30 pm

No makeup exams will be given. If you cannot take an exam due to religious or other reasons covered by campus policies, you need to contact me at least one week before the exam. If you are ill on an exam day you will have to provide me with a doctor's note documenting that you could not take the exam for that reason. Otherwise, if you fail to show up for an exam you will get a zero for that exam.

Textbook, Web Platform and Clicker

The textbook for the class is Acemoglu, Laibson, and List, *Microeconomics*, 2nd edition (2018, Pearson). You will need to enroll in the web portal MyEconLab. Through MyEconLab you will have access to additional learning material and to weekly problem sets which will be graded. The best way to login into MyEconLab is through Canvas <https://canvas.colorado.edu/> You will also need an iClicker. You can purchase it at the CU Bookstore, if you do not have one already. We will use clickers regularly to review examples and to solve problems. Please make sure to register your clicker at <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>

TA and Recitations

TAs will hold weekly recitations that will help you to master the course material. Recitations start in the second week. Our TAs are Jim Flynn (James.Flynn@colorado.edu), Chad Brown (Chad.Brown@colorado.edu), and Joongsan Hwang (Joongsan.Hwang@colorado.edu). Please check your enrollment records to establish the day and time of your session. The following tables list all the recitations with times and locations.

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Keller	LECTURE	24736	MWF	10:00—10:50	GOLD A2B70	225
Flynn	111	24737	M	2:00—2:50	CLUB 13	25
Brown	112	24738	M	4:00—4:50	HLMS 191	25
Brown	113	24739	M	5:00—5:50	HLMS 185	25
Hwang	114	24740	W	8:00—8:50	ECON 119	25
Flynn	115	24741	W	1:00—1:50	HLMS 191	25
Hwang	116	24742	T	5:00—5:50	ECON 205	25
Brown	117	24743	W	5:00—5:50	ECON 13	25
Hwang	118	24744	F	8:00—8:50	CHEM 145	25
Flynn	119	24784	TH	8:00—8:50	HLMS 191	25

Office Hours

	Recitation #	Time	Day	Location
Wolfgang Keller		8:30-9:30	M	Econ 106
		8:30-9:00	F	
Chad Brown	112, 113, 117	11-12	MWF	Econ 306
Jim Flynn	111, 115, 119	1-2 pm	M	Econ 401
		8-9 am	W	
		9-10 am	Th	
Joongsan Hwang	114, 116, 118	9-9:50 am	W	Econ 14
		4-4:50 pm	W	
		9-9:50 am	F	

Weekly Assignments and Clicker Questions

I will assign weekly problem sets that will be graded. A portion of the questions in the problem sets will aim at reinforcing your understanding and mastering of the material, while a portion will be representative of the type of questions that you will get in the midterm and final exams.

Grading

Your final score will be the maximum of the following two alternatives:

Default

- Midterm I 25%
- Midterm II 25%
- Final 25%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

Alternative

- Midterm I 20%
- Midterm II 20%
- Final 35%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

The in-class clicker sessions will count as follows: 2 points for a correct answer, 1 point for an incorrect answer, 0 for no answer. The total score for the Clicker Questions will be computed by adding all the scores while discarding the lowest 6 questions.

Note that Canvas provides a letter grade for you based on your performance to date. This should be treated as an estimate, for two reasons. First, there can be time lags in terms of the available scores used in this computation, in particular due to lags in synching between MyEconLab and Canvas. Second, your overall average score will not automatically translate into a certain letter grade. I will determine the mapping from this score to letter grade once all assignments are graded. This means, for example, that a 88% average score may be an “A”, or that a 91% average score may be a “B+”. I will report in class the average, maximum, and minimum scores on the tests, which will give you feedback on how your class performance might eventually translate into letter grades. You can also contact your TA with questions on this.

Other Policies

Accommodation for Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines

accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or dsinfo@colorado.edu for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) under the Students tab on the Disability Services website.

Religious Holidays

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. To ensure this in this class, a student needs to let me know by the end of the second week of class in case there are such conflicts, and we will find a good solution.

Classroom Behavior

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. For more information, see the policies on [classroom behavior](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Preferred Names and Pronouns

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to fostering a positive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, intimate partner abuse (including dating or domestic violence), stalking, or protected-class discrimination or harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or cureport@colorado.edu. Information about the OIEC, university policies, [anonymous reporting](#), and the campus resources can be found on the [OIEC website](#).

Please know that faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of incidents of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.

Honor Code

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code (honor@colorado.edu); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found at the [Honor Code Office website](#).

Further Information

- The Office of Victim Assistance can be reached at 303-492-8855. Its website is <http://www.colorado.edu/ova/>
- The webpage www.colorado.edu/undocumented contains information regarding campus counseling resources available for students and employees with DACA Status
- The Economics Department provides a free drop-in tutorial office which offers assistance on all core courses in the major, and occasionally on other undergraduate courses in the Department. Its website is https://www.colorado.edu/economics/sites/default/files/attached-files/tutorial-lab_0.pdf
- The Economics Department maintains a list of tutors who are available for private hire. Its website is https://www.colorado.edu/economics/sites/default/files/attached-files/tutor_list.pdf.